

CHARGES BURLESON NEVER AIDED MEN

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WASHINGTONIANS AT ALEXANDRIA BAZAAR

ALEXANDRIA, Oct. 22.—A jolly company of Shriners came over from Almas Temple, Washington, last evening to attend the Masonic bazaar. The Shriners were accompanied by their famous Arab patrol and tom-tom band, and during the evening the patrol gave a drill.

The Masonic Fraternity band of the Lambkin Club also was present from the Capital city. Last evening was the closing night, and those in charge say the bazaar was a gratifying success.

The silver loving cup offered by President Harrison of the Southern railway was won by E. F. Ticer, of this city.

Thomas Irbey, a soldier about thirty-five, from Fort Hunt, was struck by an automobile driven by Dr. Llewellyn Powell, near King and Washington streets last night. Dr. Powell took him to the Alexandria Hospital, where it was found that he was badly bruised, although his injuries are not considered serious.

The silver loving cup offered as a prize at the Alexandria Gun Club tournament yesterday afternoon was won by E. Hunt Roberts.

The Right Rev. D. J. O'Connell of the diocese of Richmond, for the purpose of ceremonies in connection with the blessing of the bronze bell at 4 o'clock this afternoon at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. The ceremony will be presided over by Rev. C. F. Hannigan, of Richmond.

Fitzgerald Council, Knights of Columbus, will confer the first degree upon ten candidates Wednesday evening. A banquet will be given at Hotel Ramell after the session.

The city council will hold a joint session Tuesday evening for the purpose of taking up the report of the citizens' committee regarding the installation of a modern fire alarm system for the city. The adoption of which, it is claimed, would save the property owners from \$18,000 to \$20,000 a year. Much interest is manifested in the matter on all sides.

The question of organizing a Y. M. C. A. here is being agitated. The meeting at the Richmond Theater this afternoon at 5 o'clock will take up the project.

The funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth Ticer will be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock at her late home in Queen street. The Rev. John Lee Allison, officiating. Members of the Mt. Vernon Council, Daughters of America, will attend.

The opera "Pocahontas" is to be given in the near future by students of the Alexandria High School. A chorus of sixty voices is rehearsing.

ROCKVILLE.

To give the patrons of the Garrett Park public school and the county school officials an opportunity to get acquainted, an "at home" was given by the Garrett Park Home and School Association in St. James' Chapel, Garrett Park, last evening.

Charles P. Chisholm, chairman of the board of trustees of the school, made a short address, and was followed by Prof. Willie B. Burdette, county superintendent of schools; Miss Rose T. Courney, county supervisor of primary schools, and Miss Mary Magruder, county attendance officer.

The supervisors of elections will meet here Monday and decide the proper management of the county ballot for the November election. The ballot will contain the names of five candidates for President and Vice-President and five candidates for Presidential electors, the parties represented being the Democratic, Republican, Prohibition, Socialist and Labor; the names of Democratic, Republican and Labor candidates for United States Senator, and the names of the Democratic, Republican, Prohibition and Socialist candidates for Congress. The ballot also will contain a proposed amendment to the constitution of Maryland, which provides for the budget system of making appropriations.

CITIZENS' FEDERATION TO ELECT OFFICERS

Will Meet in District Building on October 28.

A meeting for the election of officers will be held by the Federation of Citizens' Association in the board room of the District Building October 28 at 8 o'clock in the evening.

Edward F. Colladay, who has served two terms, has announced that he will not again be a candidate for president. Among those mentioned for the office are George N. Russell, of Park View, vice president; Herman J. Phillips, representing Mt. Pleasant; Jose L. Suter, representing Petworth, and Charles S. Shreve, representing the Mid-City Citizens' Association.

William Mc. Clayton, representing the Brightwood Park Citizens, said today that he will urge the federation to include in its legislative program the repeal of the Borland amendment, provision for the election of a delegate from the District to the House of Representatives and legislation providing for universal transfers.

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